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**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:  
a cabinet;  
a support connected to the cabinet; and  
a container-item holder connected to the support, wherein said container-  
item holder includes a container holder and an item holder connected to the container  
holder [, said item holder including means for enabling a player to removably  
connect an item to the item holder].

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